

continue to be doing a great service for us as a community and nation abroad. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mayor Maria Lowe's accomplishments and we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING GLORIA COLEMAN
DOTSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Gloria Coleman Dotson.

Gloria Coleman Dotson grew up and lives in Claiborne County as the oldest of seven children of Curtis Coleman and Ethel Allen in the town Ulysses S. Grant said was "Too Beautiful to Burn." She is a 1973 graduate of Port Gibson High School. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Jackson State University in 1977.

After graduation, Ms. Dotson was employed by the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors in the Chancery Clerk's Office. She worked under the supervision of two Chancery Clerks: Mrs. Stella Jennings-Greenwood and Mr. Frank Wilson. She worked in the Chancery Clerk's Office for twenty-five years as Deputy Chancery Clerk prior to being elected Chancery Clerk in 2000. She is currently serving her fourth term as Chancery Clerk.

Ms. Dotson is a member of First Christian Disciples of Christ Church, a choir member and Sunday School Treasurer. She is involved in several civic organizations including: Port Gibson Main Street, MS Cultural Crossroad Board of Directors, Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact, a member of NAACP and the Chancery Clerk's Association.

Ms. Dotson has been married to Joe Dotson, Jr. for twenty-two years. They are the proud parents of three children: JaBari, JaNetra, and JoKevy. They have an eleven year old granddaughter, KaMeryal and a one year old grandson, KaMari.

The title "Chancery Clerk" does not adequately describe the various duties and responsibilities that Ms. Dotson has attendant to in the office. The Chancery Clerk's Office has a multitude of duties and functions which are governed by an assortment of statutes and court rules, along with following guidelines established either by the State Department of Audit or the Department of Finance and Administration. The Chancery Clerk's position is a four year elected term.

Ms. Dotson often states, "I thank God for allowing me to serve as a Public Official. I love my job. When I'm not serving my constituents, I spend time with my family and friends, work in the yard and reading."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Gloria Coleman Dotson for her dedication and support to the Claiborne County Community.

VANCE A. SILVIA, SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS, UNITED STATES
ARMY (RET.)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Vance A. Silvia, Sergeant First Class, United States Army (ret.), for his service to our country.

Sergeant First Class Silvia served in the United States Army and the Texas, Wyoming and Colorado Army National Guard from March 1998 through June 2009. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant First Class Silvia had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with service in Iraq and Kuwait.

Sergeant First Class Silvia participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant First Class Silvia and hearing about his experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant First Class Silvia's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant First Class Silvia's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant First Class Vance A. Silvia for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING RANDY DAVIS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Randy Davis, who retires June 30, 2016 after 33 years in education in Missouri.

Mr. Davis began his career in Licking where he taught Social Studies and coached boys' basketball. He became principal of Salem High School and I am proud to say he was principal when I was a student there. He also coached girls' basketball. After that, he moved on to Potosi—first as the assistant superintendent for five years and then as superintendent for 13 years.

At Potosi, Assistant Superintendent Jamie Thompson said he took great pride in helping the school district become a vital part of the community. "He told us to 'treat every child the way you would want your child treated,'" she said. "And, his big thing was to emphasize our school colors and say, 'Love Purple, but Live Gold!'"

Shelly, his wife of 32 years said, "Randy has loved making a difference in the lives of kids and setting the bar higher for the students and staff." I would agree, he made positive

impacts on the futures of his students because he certainly impacted mine.

For devoting his life to the education of Missouri's students, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Randy Davis of Potosi before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ELIAS, TOWN
ATTORNEY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge Mr. John Elias for his service to Pinellas County as a town attorney for Belleair Shores for 18 years.

Mr. Elias has worked for Belleair Shores since 1998. When he started, he was hired on a six-month trial period. Because of his exemplary work, his trial period was extended and he worked for the town for 18 years. He has proudly served Belleair Shores and its residents.

Mr. Elias is retiring in July after his years of service. He is known for his dedication and high morals and serves as a role-model for the town. I ask this body to join me thanking John for his service to us, and wishing him the best of luck in the future.

LEON A. RODRIGUEZ, SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS, UNITED STATES
ARMY (RET.)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Leon A. Rodriguez, Sergeant First Class, United States Army (ret.), for his service to our country.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez served in the United States Army from August 1955 through August 1975. As an Army Medical Specialist, Sergeant First Class Rodriguez had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty in Vietnam.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Sergeant First Class Rodriguez and hearing about his experiences as a combat medic. Sergeant First Class Rodriguez's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Sergeant First Class Rodriguez's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Sergeant First Class Leon A. Rodriguez for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.